

SENATE RESOLUTION 56

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Charles Clinton Crow of Savannah.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Charles Clinton Crow; and

WHEREAS, Charles Crow was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on September 6, 1941, in Water Valley, Mississippi, Mr. Crow was the son of Price Alexander Crow, Sr., and Jimmie Tubbs Crow. He graduated from West Tallahatchie High School in Webb, Mississippi, in 1960, and then immediately enlisted in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, with an unwavering sense of duty and patriotism, Charles Crow served aboard the USS *Pine Island*, a seaplane tender, at the Naval Air Facility Atsugi in Japan, during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, upon returning to the United States, Mr. Crow attended Northwest Mississippi Junior College. During the summer of 1965, he met the love of his life, Bettye Beckham, and the two were married on February 19, 1966; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, Charles Crow began work at the Tennessee Valley Authority's Yellow Creek nuclear site. He soon moved to the Power Service Center and Nuclear Waste Facility in Muscle Shoals, Alabama, where he served with acumen and alacrity for thirty years before retiring in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crow loved the outdoors and enjoyed working and perfecting his yard and farm; he frequently hosted family and friends at his beloved home; and

WHEREAS, Charles Crow was a Master Mason and a member of the Savannah Masonic Lodge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crow was a devout member of the Double Springs Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a deacon. Most recently, he became a member of the Hopewell Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Charles Crow will be fondly remembered by his wife of fifty-one years, Bettye Beckham Crow; his daughters, Cindy Clayton, Charla Townley, and Natalie Hunt; his grandchildren, Taylor Clayton, Trey Clayton, Chase Townley, Claire Townley, Cooper Townley, Harper Hunt, and Sadie Hunt; his sister, Yvonne Williams; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Charles Crow leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Charles Clinton Crow, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Crow.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.